

SACRIFICE

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:here any need of God in this
little
world of ours ? Let us be
fearlessly
godless and come closer to
each other.
They want our blood. And
for this
they have come down to the
dust of
our earth, leaving their
magnificence
of heaven. For in their
heaven there
are no men, no creatures,
who can
suffer. No, tny girl, there is
no
Goddess.

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Then leave this temple, and
come
away with me>

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Leave this temple ? Yes, I
will
leave* Alas, Aparna, I must
leave.
Yet I cannot leave it, before
I have
paid my last dues to the
But let
that be* Come closer to me,
my love.
Whisper something to my
ears, which
will overflow this life with
sweetness,
flooding death itself.